



**Marine Safety Information Bulletin 34-02**  
**San Jacinto River – Waterway Closure**  
**November 5, 2002**

The Captain of the Port has established a safety zone just above the mouth of the San Jacinto River extending 400 yards on either side of the charted power lines. Vessel traffic through this area is prohibited without the express permission of the Captain of the Port. The safety zone is necessary due to the collapse of the power lines into the river after being struck by a crane/barge combination transiting outbound. Although the power lines have been de-energized, they remain a significant hazard to navigation. CenterPoint Energy personnel are on scene and estimate that it may take until midnight (0000, 06 NOV) to remove the power lines from the navigable portion of the waterway. The Coast Guard is working closely with CenterPoint Energy to safely remove the lines as soon as possible and will keep the maritime community apprised on the status of the closure.

A reminder: Vessel restrictions in the vicinity of the I-10 bridge due to high water on the San Jacinto River remain in place. These restrictions extend 500 yards on either side of the bridge and require all vessels transiting the area to utilize tug assistance.

If you have any questions regarding the safety zone, please contact the Port Waterways Management Branch at 713 671-5100 or contact "Houston Traffic" via phone at (713) 671-5103 (primary) or VHF FM Channel 5A (secondary).

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